

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. The users of this "essential facility" have long since paid for the facilities in question. The phone co`s. have not even maintained them. They are a "public utility". Please preserve competition!!!!